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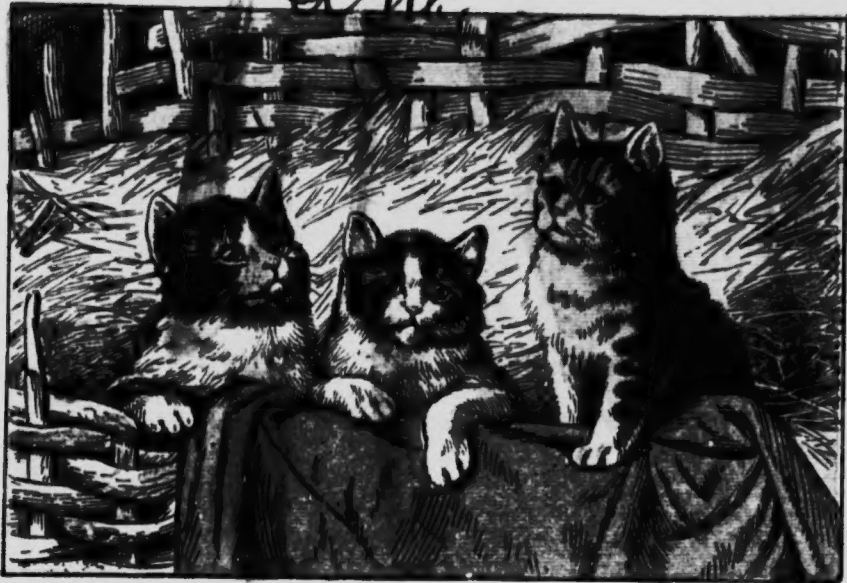
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## PREFACE

This primer has been prepared with a view to teaching the first principles of reading by the Phonic System, but it will be found equally well adapted for use by any other method.

Within the necessarily narrow limits of this Preface, it is manifestly impossible to enter into details in regard to the advantages of the Phonic over other systems, or to attempt to give instructions to teachers, who, no doubt, are more or less familiar with the subject.

It may be permitted, however, to call attention to one important merit in the system, which is—that it stimulates the interest and arouses the self-activity of the child—he *uses his knowledge to gain new knowledge*.

Hitherto the work of the teacher has been greatly hampered by the want of a suitable class-book, in which the various sounds and combinations are taken up in their natural sequence.

In this Primer, each lesson becomes virtually a text, upon which the teacher can enlarge at discretion; and it may not be out of place if a few hints or suggestions are made as to the practical application of the lessons.

It should be premised that the order of sounds followed is the outcome of years of experience in teaching reading by the Phonic Method. The plan has been thoroughly tested in the class-rooms of our public schools, and has been found satisfactory and practical throughout.

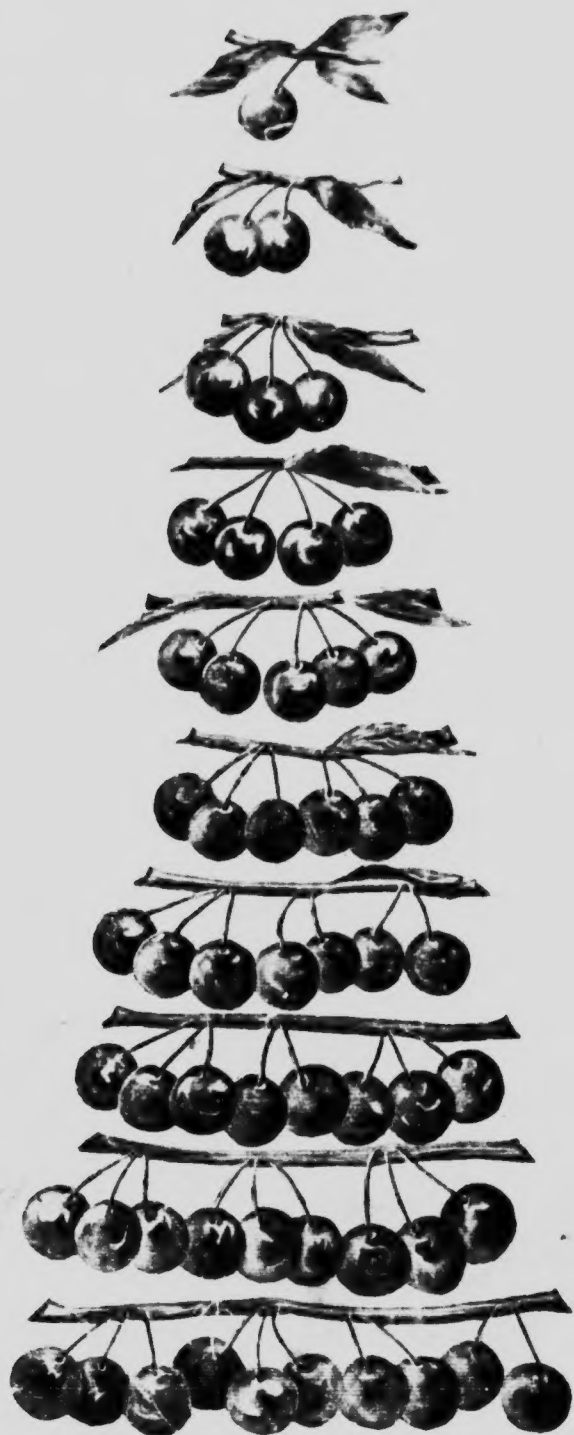
When beginning a lesson, pronounce very slowly—dwelling on each sound—several words containing the letter to be taught, and have the children *name* the word. This aids greatly in gaining coalition of sounds.

Always keep the blackboard work a few days in advance of the lesson in the primer; and, as far as possible, avoid using the words and sentences in the Primer for the class-work at the blackboard.

A few irregular and unphonetic words will require special attention, and will probably have to be taught by the "Look and Say"-Method, as for example: one, once, said, you, been, through, etc.

A variety of exercises for seat occupation will be found throughout the book. These only point the way, and can be extended by the teacher at discretion.

A brief, suggestive Model Lesson, that may be of use to teachers inexperienced in the Phonic Method, is given here; but for the detailed plan of teaching each sound, for exercises in expression, and for ideas on seat-occupation, see *Morang's Phonic Manual*.



1	one	<u>one</u>
2	two	two
3	three	three
4	four	four
5	five	five
6	six	<u>six</u>
7	seven	seven
8	eight	<u>eight</u>
9	nine	<u>nine</u>
10	ten	<u>ten</u>

A A a a  
C C c c  
E E e e  
G G g g  
I I i i  
K K k k  
M M m m  
O O o o  
Q Q q q  
S S s s  
U U u u  
W W w w  
Y Y y y

B B b b  
D D d d  
F F f f  
H H h h  
J J j j  
L L l l  
N N n n  
P P p p  
R R r r  
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V V v v  
X X x x  
Z Z z z





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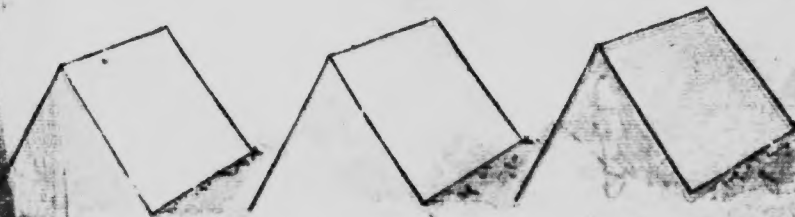
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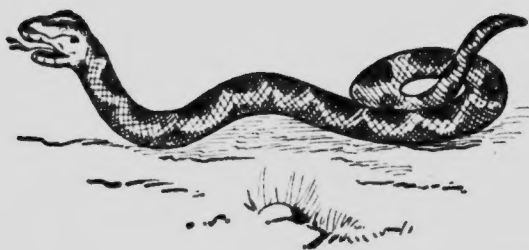
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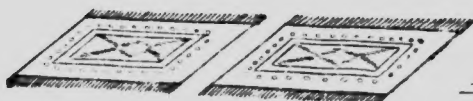
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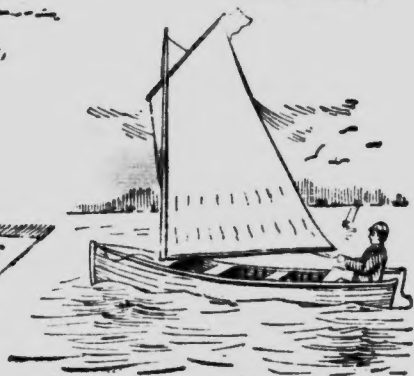
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2 mats



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map

sap

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pass past

stamp

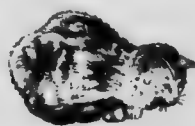
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the cat



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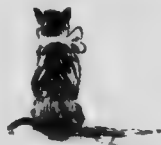
meet

peep

sees

steep

I see a



I see a



I see a



I see a



I see the



I see the



I see a cap

I see the cat.

I see a tap

I see the camp

l

lap last lass lamp  
clam clap slat slam  
peel steel sleet sleep  
apple slap clasp

I see the



I see the



I see a cat I see a cap



I see the mast.

I see the camp.

Sam sees a lamp

Pat sees a slat

Sam pats the cat

I see the cat asleep.

7  
hat  
hum  
has



Hal  
heel  
hats

I see the hat.  
Sam sees the ham.  
Pat has a hat.  
Sam has 2 caps  
Hal has a cap.  
Pat has the lamp.  
Hal has 2 heels.  
Sam has 3 clams.



The cat has the ham.  
Scat! Scat!



mop	pot <sup>o</sup>	lost	plot
hop	lot	cost	slot
top	cot	stop	moss
lop	hot	slop	loss
sop	tot	spot	toss



I see a pot.

I see a hot pot.

Pat has a top

Pat lost the top

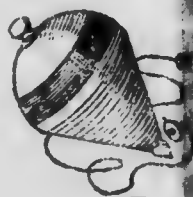
Tot has the mop.

Tom has a cot.

Tot lost a hat.

Sam has the moss.

Al sees the moss.



Top

n



man ant seen span  
not tan pant slant

Nat has a plant.

Nan sees the plant.

Mamma has seen the plant.

Nat has a can.

The man cannot hop.

Sam can hop.

Hop, Sam! Hop!

hat cat not hop.

pan man can plant



fan off  
 fat flop  
 feet toft  
 fast soft  
 flap floss  
 flat fleet  
 coffee

Fan has a fat cat.  
 Fan's cat has soft feet.  
 Sam sees the cat.  
 Sam pats Fan's cat.

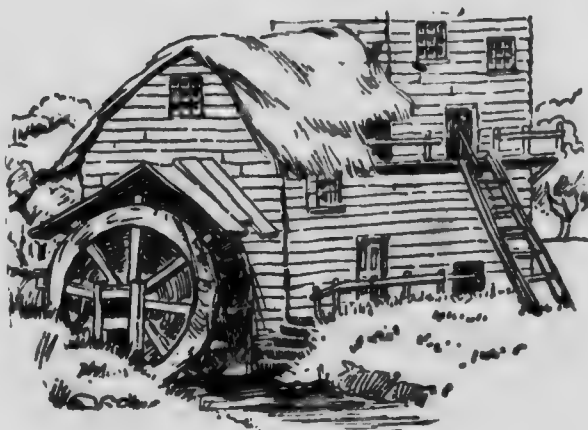
See Nat on the mast!  
 The man sees Nat.  
 on the mast.

The man has a hat.  
 Nat has no hat.  
 Nat lost a hat.

Come off the mast, Nat!



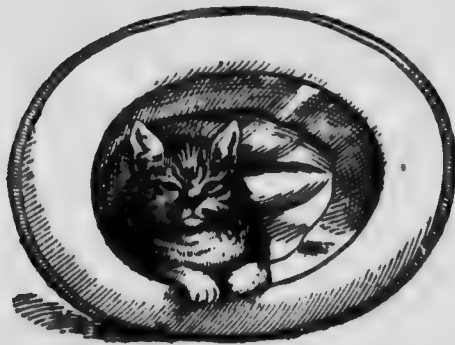
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lip  
fit  
pin  
lift  
fist  
fill  
pill

Jim is on the hill.  
I can see him.  
Come Jim! Come to the mill.  
Jim hit his hip.  
He has to limp

Sim has a top.  
He can spin his top.  
He can lift it as it spins  
Tom can not spin his top.  
He split it.  
He can spin Sim's top.  
Jim has a tin top.



See Tom's cat!  
It is in his hat.  
Can the cat see Tom?

Min has a soft fist.  
Tim has hit his heel.  
Nat is on the top of the mast.  
Sim has a top.  
See him spin it.

Pat is in the mill.  
So is the man.  
The man has a cap.  
Pat has a hat.



shin	lash	sheep	flash
shot	fish	sheet	smash
shop	sash	shall	splash

Fan has a sash.

The fish is in the pan.



See the sheep!

See! See the sheep on the hill!

I see 5 sheep.

Tim is in the shop.

He has cash in his fist.

He sees a little ship.

See! He has it.

The man has the cash.

Tim has the little ship.

moon	cool	noon	shoot
hoof	soot	soon	tools
coop	hoop	loop	scoop
loon	hoot	pool	spool

*(Write names)*

Sam is cool.

He is on the stoop.

He has his hoop.

Fan is on the stoop too.

She has 3 spools in a pan.

She is on a stool.

Tom is at the pool.

He sees the moon.

Tom can see 2 moons.

He sees a moon in  
the pool too.

The fish in the pool can see the  
moon.

Tom can not see the fish.





nod	dim	lip.	land	speed
sod	dot	deep	dish	stand

Dan is at the pond.

He had a fish and lost it.

Splash ! and the fish is in the pond.

Dan is a little lad and feels sad.

The man — a hod.

Fan — a doll.

The lad hid his —.

Tim had sand in his —.

Sid is asleep.

He — off to the Land of Nod.

lath

moth

path

tooth

teeth

cloth

this

that

smooth



This man is thin.

That man is fat.

The thin man has a shop.

The fat man is in his shop.

He sees a hat in the shop.

It is a soft hat.

Hal is off to school.

He sees a moth on the path.

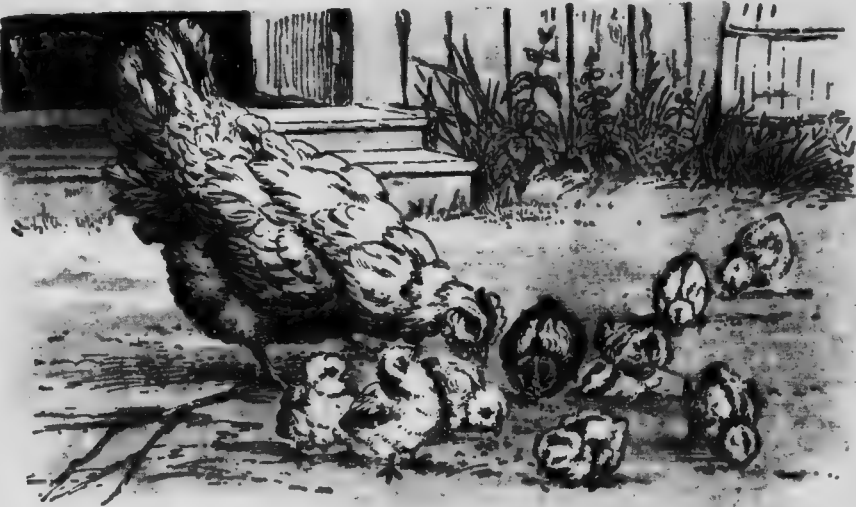
He had it in his cloth cap and  
lost it.

Hal has a lath in his hand.

The lath is thin and smooth.

met	men	nest	shell
set	pen	shed	spend

Ted has a tent.  
His tent is at the pond.  
A man lent a net to Ted.  
He set the net in the pond.  
He soon had ten fish in it.



This is Ned's hen and little ones.  
Ned fed them some soft food.  
He is fond of his old hen.  
She lets him pet the little ones.  
Ned's hen had a nest in the shed.



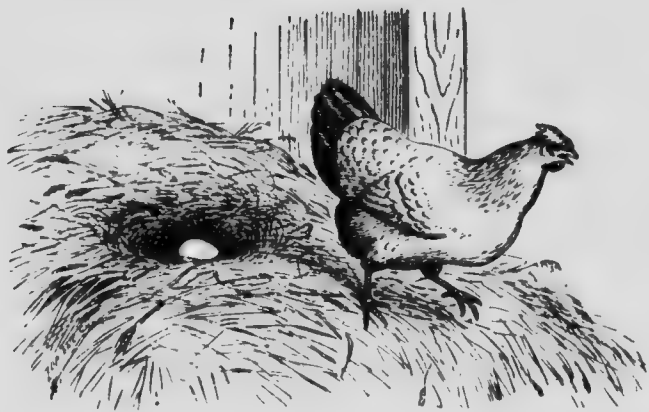









fig  
dig  
gash  
flag  
goose  
good  
glass

That hen has an egg in its nest.  
 Let Meg go and get it.  
 The hen has left the nest.  
 The dog sent it off.  
 It can get on top of the pig pen.  
 Meg is glad she has the egg.

Sam got the  at the shop.  
 The pig is in the   
 The dog sat on a   
 The fig is in the   
 The goose is in the   
 Tom's dog is in the   
 Meg got the  in the nest.

fun shut plush hum dust  
nut cup punish plump sunset

Gus has a top.

He spins it in the dust.

It can not hum in the dust.

“Spin the top at the pump,  
Gus, and then it can hum.”

Let us go to the hut to see the  
old man.

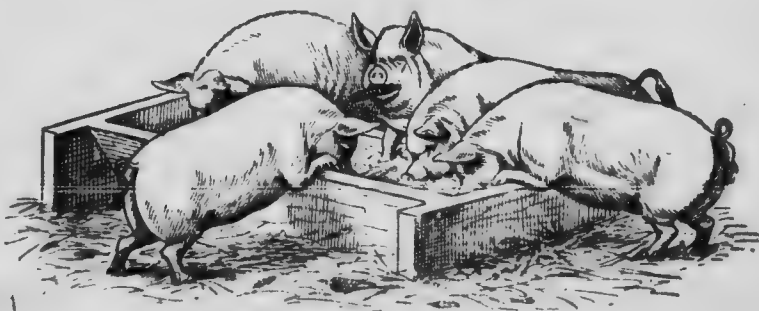
He dug up a stump and cut his hand.

It is fun to go to the old man's hut.

He has a gun and a fat pug dog.

He has some pigs, too.

We can feed the pigs.



tub  
cab  
cub  
sob  
beet  
best  
bend



belt  
beef  
club  
slabs  
bleed  
bloom  
blunt

This is Bob, Ben's big dog.

See him beg!

Ben has a bun in his hand.

Do let him get a bit, Ben!

Bell has a big plant in bloom.

Ben's dog fell on Bell's plant, and  
bent it.

Bell be-gan to sob.

"Do not feel so sad, Bell," said  
Ben, "I can get a bit of  
lath and mend it."

Ben is a good lad.

rat  
 rap  
 rub  
 rest  
 tree  
 frog  
 drop  
 grub  
 deer  
 rust  
 brush  
 scrub  
 crush  
 creep

The cat sees a rat. The rat  
 sees the cat. See them run!

Ben has a drum. He  
 got it from Rob.

The pug dog is on a rug.  
 He is so fat he cannot run.



arm  
 car  
 barn  
 cart  
 harp  
 farm  
 scarf  
 sharp

See Fred on his old nag.  
 He goes to school on him.  
 Trot on, Fred must get to school.  
 Fred puts his nag in the lot, and  
 he crops the fresh green  
 grass till noon.

desk  
dark  
hark  
spark  
shark



Bess Clark is on the farm.  
She feeds the hens with bran from  
a big basket. Then she hunts the  
eggs. She is fond of the black hen.  
It is her pet. See her feed it.

Nell and Fan are in the Park.  
Nell sees a nest in a tree. It is a  
robin's nest. "Let us go up and look  
at it. O see! There are three  
little eggs in it. The old robin is  
back, let us go."



mate	hate	slate	pine	shine
cane	pane	snake	time	pride
		grate	mine	smile



Bell can bake pie  
and cake.

Make a cake! make  
a cake!

Fast as you can.

Make it and bake it

And take it to Fan.

Fred and I can take the skates  
and go to the creek.

The skates are mine, but I like  
to slide. Fred can skate this time.

'I shall take a good run and slide  
across the creek.

Fred thinks he can skate a mile,  
but he must not go too far from me.

I take good care of Fred. He is  
not as big as I am.

note	bone	use	cube	here
pole	rope	pure.	blue	these

Tom has a mule, his name is Ned.

Ned is lame and cannot go fast.

“Here is a stick,” said Ben, “hit him and make him go.”

“No, indeed,” said Tom, “I could not strike my poor lame Ned.”



These little ones are at the lake-shore. Rose has her spade in her hand. She

has some shells and stones in her little basket.

They will take them to poor Bess. Bess is ill in bed, but she will be able to sit up soon, and can amuse herself with the shells.

web	wish	sweep	was
west	wire	twine	want

We make wine from grapes.

The west wind will cool us.

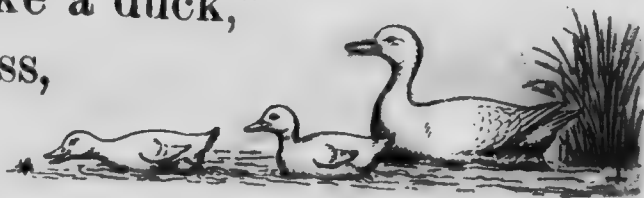
A wasp has a nest in the shed.

"I wish I could swim like a fish," said Will.



"Swim like a fish? I wish I could swim like a duck," said Bess,

"then



I need not wet my head."

Will West made a little garden for himself, and takes good care of it. He pulls up the weeds and waters it often.

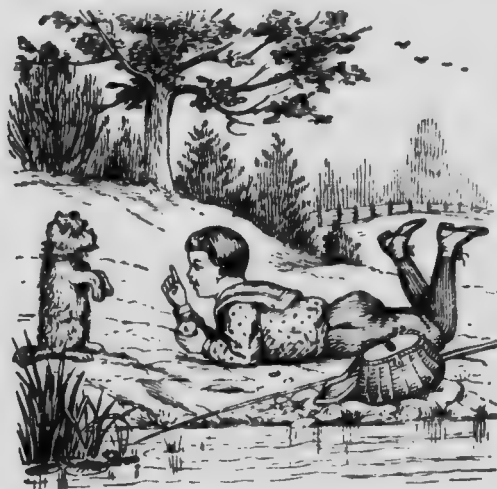
Will hopes his garden will bloom well, for he wants to take some flowers to his friends.

tall	hall	fall	talk	almost
ball	call	stall	salt	walnut

The horse is in the stall.

Ned has a small ball of twine.

Tom put his bat and ball in the hall.



Last fall  
Will got a  
small dog. He  
calls him Tip.

Will has  
come to the  
pond to fish.

He has some  
buns in a basket, and makes Tip  
sit up and beg for his share.

Tip is so wise, Will thinks he can  
almost talk.

Nuts——from the tree.

——Tom. I want him.

Rob has a bat; he lost his——.

born	fork	north	short
torn	form	stork	sport
cork	cord	storm	acorn

The rose has a thorn on its stem.  
The stork likes to feed on frogs.  
Cork is the bark of a tree.  
The corn stalks are green.



—Dora sent Carl a little horn for a present, and he has great sport with it. Sometimes he makes a fort of the parlor. He has a stick for a horse, and calls his men with the horn. They form in line, and Carl has some sort of drill with them. —

Then, they march forth as Nora drums on a tin pan. Rub-a-dub, dub! Rub-a-dub, dub!

my	shy	sold	hold
by	dry	cold	gold



The moon is in the sky. Cora and Fred see it. They can see the stars, too.

They can not see the man in the moon, as it is not old; but they can see its two sharp horns.

"Good-bye, little moon! We will see you again to-morrow."

See the little fly on the wall. Look! it is in the web. The old fly told it not to go by the web, but the poor little fly did not do as it was told. It will try hard, but it can not get out of the web.

Will the old fly scold or will she help the poor little fly?



bay  
clay  
spray  
wait  
faint  
stair

One day Nell and Flora went to play with May. It began to rain, so they had a good game of hide-and-go-seek in the barn.

“I spy May,” said Flora, but it was Nell with May’s hat on.

May then ran to hide in the loft. She fell and sprained her wrist, and so she could not play again for days.

Dan has come home from school. His dog, Tray, is glad to see him. He wags his tail, as if to say “I am so glad Dan has come to play.”





chat  
chum  
cheer  
much  
bench  
pitch  
match

See Ben chop the big log.

These children come from a farm close by to watch him, and take the chips home to start the fire.

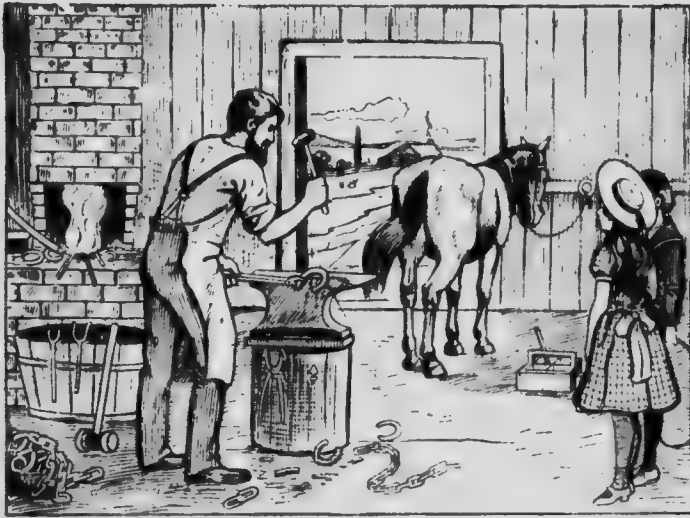
"Say, Ben," said one, "do you chop to make chips?"

"O no," said Ben, "I must cut this log in four."

The old hen has been on her nest two weeks. It will take one more to hatch the eggs. Then the little chickens will come to life

Peep, peep ! Cheep, cheep !  
Come from your shells, little chicks.

her          fern          stern          perch  
gander      wander      mother      duster



Robert's father is a blacksmith.  
His shop is at the end of the town.

As their home is a mile from the shop, Robert and his sister take his dinner to him in a little tin pail.

They stay with their father part of the afternoon to see him work. They like to watch the sparks fly as the hammer strikes the shoe.

cow owl clown loud cloud  
now town crowd shout mouth

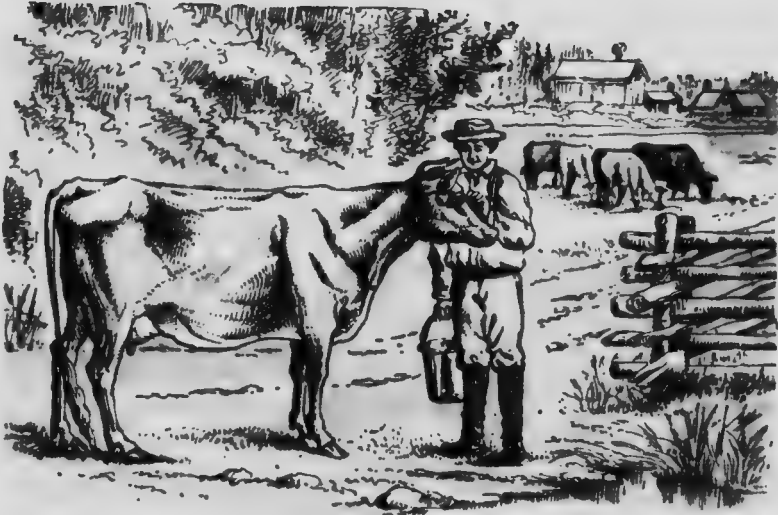
One day a little mouse came out of her hole to hunt for some dinner. She found the pie that mother had put on the shelf.

"O my, how good that smells," said Miss Mousie. So she ate her dinner out of the side of our pie.

That day we had to go without pie for our dinner.

Tom found a big flat seed. He put it about an inch under the ground. In a week the seed began to sprout, and soon Tom had a small plant. The rain fell and the sun shone, and at last it was a big plant. At the top came a round flat bud. And now Tom has a big sun-flower.





Ben is a farmer's son, and looks after the cows. He takes them to pasture, and helps to milk.

He likes them all; but his pet cow is Brown Bess. He always pats her head when he goes to milk her.

How still she stands. Now and then she will switch her tail to chase away the flies.

"Go away, flies! Do not bother Ben's good Bess!"

Now the pail is about full, and Bess may go and get her supper.



vine  
vain  
cave  
grove  
visit  
eleven  
travel

The bees live in a hive.  
Clover has a sweet smell.  
Dave has a brown velvet vest.

Will and Ned like to wade on the lake-shore. Sometimes the waves are big and wash over them, but they think that is fun.

Will is seven and Ned is five.

They have lived by the lake all their lives, and love the water.

Will is a brave lad. One day Nell went in too far, and Will swam out and saved her.



fox  
mix  
wax  
six  
axle  
text  
flax  
extra  
expect

Bess has a wax doll with flaxen hair. Her name is Floss.

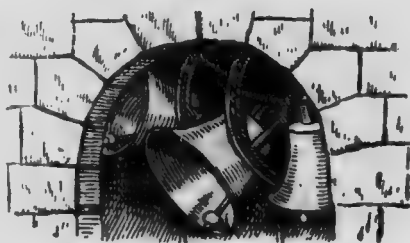
She has six dolls, and takes good care of them; but one day when she had them with her in the grove, the old cow stepped on Floss.

You may be sure Bess felt sad over her poor broken doll.

Next time she took her children to the grove, she was careful to keep them all in her arms.

sang	song	sing	sung
hang	long	ring	rung
rang	gong	wing	flung
length	strength	lengthen	

Ding, dong, ding,  
The bells ring,  
Time is on the  
wing.



Spring brings Robin back from  
the South. Listen to his sweet  
song as he swings on the branch of  
the old apple tree. He sings as if he



were glad  
to be with  
us again.

Cheer up!  
Cheer up!

Winter is gone. Spring is here.  
Cheer up! Cheer up!



yes pity candy money chimney  
yet pony happy barley parsley

Do not spend all your money.  
Kitty likes to play with a ball.  
The turkey is king of the barn yard.



Here is Harry with  
his pet rabbits. They  
are out in the yard.

Fanny and Daisy  
live next door, and  
like to watch them.

See how funny  
they look as they nibble the clover  
Harry has picked in the orchard.

He has only three rabbits now.  
He had five, but he gave one to a  
lady, and another was killed by  
Daisy's kitty.

Harry was very sorry when he  
found his bunny dead.

why	whisk	whip	wheel
which	where	while	wharf



Sam White  
took Fred  
down to the  
river to see  
a whale.

When they  
got there,  
they found a big flat stone which  
Sam had taken for a whale. How  
silly of them to think they could  
see a whale in a river.

Who lives in  
this house?

How many  
are in the  
family?

Name them.



What does the father do?

sea	meat	wheat	cheap
ear	dear	yeast	leave
tea	read	steam	please

A dog eats meat ; a horse eats hay.  
We hear the bells peal, but we peel  
a peach. Here is one for you.

Ben Sneath has  
two pups, and he  
is busy training  
them.

He says they are  
so wise, it is easy  
to teach them. He  
makes them sit up and “speak”  
each time he feeds them.



Here they are now waiting for  
their bit of meat.

Next year Ben is going to teach  
them to pull him in his little cart.  
They will make a fine team.



bow  
crow

blow  
throw

foam  
soap

boast  
throat

“O mamma, please come out with me for a row this afternoon?” But mamma shook her head with a smile.

Norman owns a row boat, and is very proud of it. He calls it the “Sea-Foam.”

He could not coax his mother to go out, so here you see Mary and Ethel in the boat with him. See them float along. They go slowly, as Norman cannot row well; yet they seem to like it.

“O! see the water lilies,” said Mary, “roll up your sleeves, Ethel, and reach for good long stems.”

They soon had six lovely lilies.



One day  
last winter,  
when the  
snow was  
deep, Ray  
and Walter  
made a snow

man in the back yard.

A warm south wind had been blowing all morning, and made the snow soft and easy to pack.

When they went to the house, they said, "Come, mother, come and see the poor man in the yard, he is so cold he cannot move!"

"O, the poor fellow, bring him in!" said their mother, as she ran to the window.

Then Ray and Walter laughed until their sides were sore, when she saw who the "poor man" was.

jam

jolt

just

jacket

jar

jump

jelly

jingle

One day last June, Jim found a nest in the bushes down by the swamp. It was made of sticks and was lined with weeds. There were four little eggs in it.

When Jim told John about it, he said it was a blue jay's nest.



The boys did not meddle with this little home, but went every day and peeped into it.

They were glad when the little ones came out of their shells. After a while they had great fun watching Mr. and Mrs. Jay teaching their children to fly.

boy	annoy	boil	moist
Roy	royal	join	joint
Troy	enjoy	noise	point



Jack is a sailor boy.  
See what an even coil  
he is making with that  
thick rope.

His sailor suit looks  
very clean, but he will  
soon soil it, as there is  
always so much oil  
about a ship.

What a noise the men make  
when they hoist the anchor up.  
Sailors have to toil hard, but they  
enjoy their work and love the sea.

Jack's boat is going to fish for  
oysters, and he will not be home  
for days. He says he will bring a  
pearl home to his mother.





sir  
bird  
birth  
thirty  
burn  
churn  
curve  
church

“O dear! O dear!” cried May.

“What is the matter, little girl?”  
said a man, who was passing.

“I fell and tore my skirt.”

“Did you hurt yourself?”

“No, sir, I am not hurt, but this  
is the first time I have worn this  
skirt, and now it is spoiled,” and  
poor May burst out crying again.

“Well, well, little one, do not  
cry,” said the man, “that will not  
mend your dress, but I know that  
mother can.”

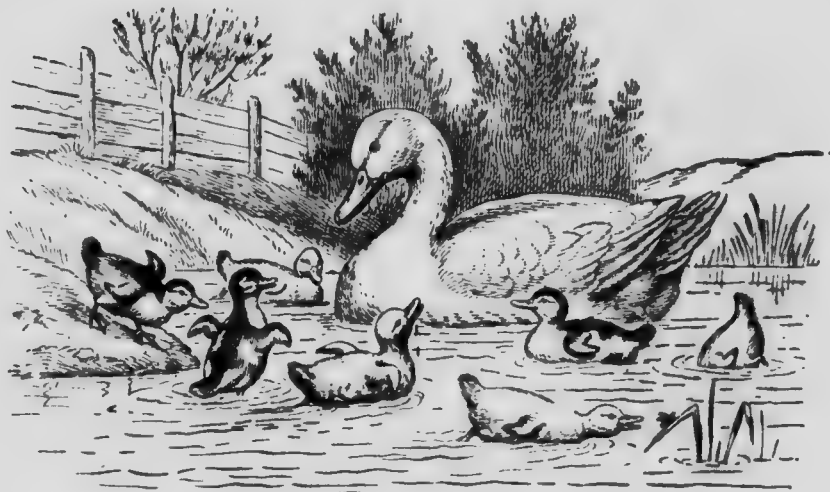
face	spice	page	dodge
lace	glance	change	judge
grace	voice	lounge	bridge

Three little mice are in the rice.  
Do not lose your place on the page.

There is a bird's nest in the  
hedge by the fence.

The bird in the hedge is happier  
than the bird in the cage.

The other day, as I drove along a  
country road, I saw some men stand-  
ing in the stream below the bridge.  
Another man drove some sheep  
into the water, and the men washed  
them, holding them between their  
knees. Then they turned them into  
a clean pasture and let them dry.  
The next time I saw those sheep  
each had lost its pretty fleece.



queen

quick

square

quilt

quire

squeak

How the ducks like to splash in the pond. Quack! quack! You can hear them all day long.

One day Queenie threw a crust of bread to them. They snapped at it as if they had never been fed; yet I know that Farmer Quinn feeds them corn every day.

Quack! quack! quack!

You are queer greedy little ducks.

raw	lawn	fault	naughty
draw	yawn	sauce	because

One day  
last August,  
Maud and  
Claude found  
this little  
squirrel in  
the woods



with a broken paw. It had been  
caught in a trap.

The children were sorry for him,  
and carried him home in a basket.

In the Autumn, when his leg was  
quite well, they took him back again  
to his home in the woods, just in time  
to gather his store of nuts for winter.

Maud and Claude often go to  
see him and watch him at his work.  
He does not forget his kind friends.



What is this cat's name ?  
 Who owns her ?  
 Why is she here ?  
 Where are her little kittens ?

*(Read questions silently. Answer aloud.)*

1. What is your name ?
2. How old are you ?
3. When is your birth-day ?
4. Where do you live ?
5. What is the name of our school ?
6. When do the stars come out ?
7. Why can we not see them in  
the day-time ?
8. What day is this ?
9. What month is this ?
10. In which month is Christmas ?

wink      tank      trunk      thank  
blanket    sprinkle

Paul and Frank  
went out to gather  
wild flowers.

Going through the  
woods Frank found a



pink lady's slipper  
and some twisted  
stalk with its little  
pink bells.

On the far side of  
a creek, they saw a  
bank blue with for-  
get-me-nots.

Paul went over on an old tree  
trunk, but Frank's ankle was weak,  
so he went on until he found a  
plank. They soon had a large  
bunch of flowers to take home.





might  
right  
flight  
fright  
sight  
blight  
plight

How lonesome it must be for the men who keep the light-house. They see ships passing every day, but the only one that ever visits them is the boat that brings them food and the oil for the light.

They must keep the lamps burning brightly all night, for if the light should fail, some ship might strike on the rocks and go down.

When the wind is high, it must be an awful sight to see the waves beating against the house and dashing up as high as the light.





chief	brief	yield	fierce
thief	shriek	grief	shield

“I believe this would be a fine day to fly kites,” said Hugh to Charlie, “tell the boys to bring their kites down to the field.”

They have a fine large field down by the river in which to play, and their chief fun just now is kite-flying.

Hugh has a big kite, but it will not fly, so he is ty-ing a piece of cloth to the tail.

Charlie's small kite is flying high.

He says it is good sport to feel the pull on the string.



dew  
stew

few  
flew

new  
knew

Jew  
blew

The boys have found a new pond a few yards away. You can get a view of it from this window.

See! A crowd of children are on it now. Last night the high wind blew the snow off. A few twigs were strewn over the ice, but the boys soon threw these out of the way.

What fine fun they have! With what glee they glide along!

One boy has had a tumble, but he will soon be up and away again.

Little Lewis Fisher is just able to go alone. See how frightened he looks ; but his sister, Lily, can skate well. She learned last winter.

What a good friend Jack Frost is, to give girls and boys such a jolly time !

### WHAT AM I ?

I am round.

I live in a little brown house.

My house is hard and has no windows or doors.

I used to live in a tree with a great many brothers and sisters.

Jack Frost gave me a nip and I fell on the ground.

Bertie Field found me and put me in his pocket.

action\_ portion\_ fraction\_  
nation\_ auction\_ position\_  
notion\_ mention\_ addition\_  
collection\_ exhibition

Two little girls, Olive and Sophy, came to live in town, about two blocks from the station.

They had always lived in the country and had never seen a railway train.

They could tell you all about the calves, the little pigs and the chickens, and could always find the first wild flowers; but they did not know anything about the cars.

The day after they drove into the town, the little



girls were looking out of the back window at a long black thing that was coming quickly to them.

It gave a loud shriek that made them both jump.

They ran to their mother, who told them what it was.

Every morning, after breakfast, they stood at the window and watched for that train.

In the evening another train came into the station and the two children had a notion that it was the same train, and that it had been all around the world since morning. What do you think about it?

The sunshine drops, like a leaf of  
gold

From the book of light above.

—PHOEBE CARY.

doze	blaze	dizzy	puzzle
lazy	prize	dozen	zig-zag

Buzz! Buzz! There are no lazy bees in our hive. It is a hazy day, but we shall work hard just the same.



Zoë and Jean went to the Zoo. They saw camels, tigers, elephants, and a zebra with its pretty stripes.

But what they liked best of all was the large cage of monkeys.

They fed them with peanuts, and had fun watching their queer antics.



Here is little Bo-Peep. See her crook beside her. She was so tired with watching her sheep that she sank down on this soft green bank.

What do you think she did? Why, she fell asleep. Sleep! sleep! Little Bo-Peep! The sheep are taking a drink, and the good dog Collie is watching them.

Kind words are little sunbeams,  
That sparkle as they fall;  
And loving smiles are sunbeams,  
A light of joy to all.

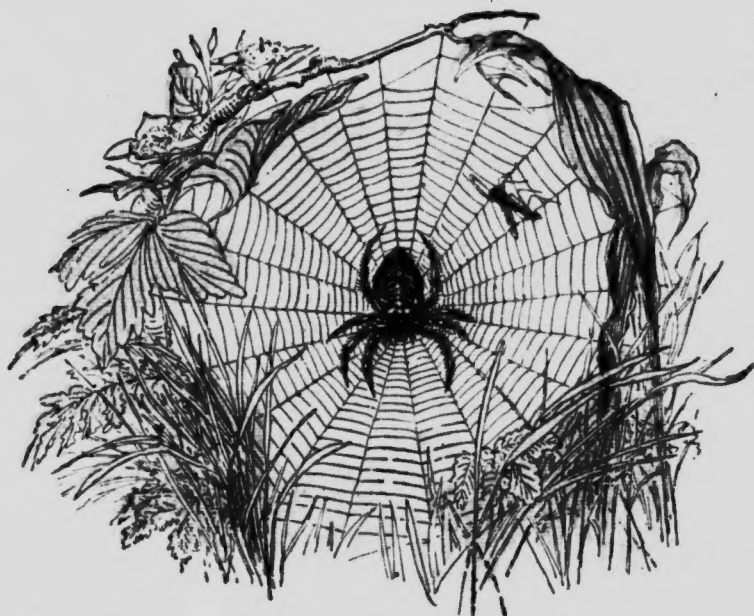


Cora has a wax doll that can open and shut its eyes. Santa Claus brought it to her last Christmas.

She is very careful of her doll's clothes, and has a trunk for them.

Every Saturday, Cora and her sister, Gertie, put out a large wash. Of course the girls do not need to wash so often, but they make believe that dollies' clothes get very much soiled through the week.





Here is a spider. He is in his web. See how fat he is! He must have eaten a great many flies to make him so fat.

He spins a pretty round web, and then says, "Come, little fly, come into my web!"

But if the little fly is wise, he will not listen to the spider's sweet words, for he would never come out of the web again, and would soon be a little dead fly.

Little Francis Ferguson

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A little mouse lived in the wall of an old house, with his father and mother and six sisters. He was a wild little mouse, and liked to run away from home.

One day he ran out of the hole in the wall, which was the door of their house, and left his sisters alone. He went into the kitchen, and soon found some crumbs under the table.

"Oh, what a fine time I am having!" said Mouse to himself. "How I pity my poor little sisters, with nothing to eat until father and mother come home."

Just then the old cat, who had been asleep under the stove, awoke, and the mouse saw her just in time to save his life.



~~Walter Ferguson~~

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